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MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1919.

NOTES.

(March.)

S. S. *Gladys* left for Sibu on March 1st with passengers the Rev. Father Quadekker and Mr. T. A. Robarts.

S. S. *Kuching* arrived from Singapore on March 6th. Passengers were the Honble. H. B. Crocker, the Rev. and Mrs. Hoover, the Rev. W. Linton, Miss A. Olver, Messrs. W. H. and J. S. Geikie, C. J. Cook and Lim Tee Chew.

The Rev. Linton is joining the staff of S. P. G. and later hopes to be stationed in the Second Division. Mr. Linton was at one time curate to the Venble. Archdeacon Sharp.

A European mail was brought.

S. S. *Kuching* left for Singapore on the 10th March. Passengers included the Venble. Archdeacon and Mrs. Small, Mrs. Swindell, Messrs. Lim Cheng Soon, Honda, Lim Tee Chew, Sim Keng Siak and Ng Swee Ing.

THE Rev. J. and Mrs. Hoover returned to Sibu on the 12th March by s. s. *Alice Lorraine.*

DRY rubber harvested at Sungei Tengah for the month of February amounted to 43,000 lbs.

IN future telegrams to and from Singapore will be transmitted at 3.35 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. as hitherto. Any telegrams received after this hour will be transmitted the next day.

ON April 15th an auction is to be held at Bruan, in the Matu district of some 200 head of cattle. Buyers will be allowed three months in which to remove their purchases.

It appears that forged five dollar notes are in circulation in this country and people should be on the look-out for them. They are very fair imitations and would easily deceive the unwary. The chief points of difference are to be found in the paper which has a different feel from the genuine article and the ink which is much lighter in colour in the forged note. Other minor points noticeable are the figures giving the number of the note which seem to be printed from smaller and defective type, the second E in the word Government is a full millimetre shorter than any other letter in the word and the repeated phrase "five dollars" in red seems to have been filled in by hand.

On March 4th the Ladies of the Ranee's Club were at home in the evening in their rejuvenated building. The proceedings, which started punctually at nine, were opened by an interesting display of conjuring and snake charming by some itinerant jugglers who have lately arrived in this country. The programme included the famous basket-trick, which was remarkably well done. The *séance* over, dancing and bridge were the order of the night, the former seeming to have the preference.

This most enjoyable party, which was in the nature of a farewell to the Honorary Secretary, terminated precisely at twelve to give the participants time to prepare for the rigours of Ash Wednesday.

The "Silver Thimble" Fund.

Already acknowledged	$180
Dr. and Mrs. Greene	50
Miss Tait	10
Honble. G. C. Gillan	15
Mrs. Baring-Gould (for Sibu) ...	20
Miss Andrews	10
From Miri:—	
C. D. Adams	10
Dr. A. R. Andrew	10
Mrs. Andrew	10
J. J. Brooks	5
Dr. H. Cimino	10
Mrs. Cimino	10
Honble. R. S. Douglas	20
Mrs. Douglas	10
Capt. R. S. Gallien	10
Mrs. Gallien	10
H. Wyndham Jones	50
C. McAlpine	10
G. W. Roberts	10
G. R. Thomas	10
W. F. de V. Skrine	10
Total	$480

Mrs. Kortright, Oya, Trinkets.

Bishop's House,
Kuching.

IRENE DANSON.

Tortoiseshell.

The tortoiseshell of commerce consists of the plates of the hawksbill turtle *(Chelone imbricata)*, at the present time a rare visitor to these coasts. Not many years ago as many as forty or fifty shells used to fall to the lot of the turtle-monopolists in the course of a season, whereas at present the total scarcely reaches double figures.

The islands of Talang-talang and Satang appear to be this turtle's favourite breeding-place, but its capture has been reported further up the coast at Mukah and Bintulu. It never reaches the size of *C. mydas*, the common Sarawak turtle, and may be readily recognised by its thirteen overlapping scales which distinguish it from the smooth shell of the latter.

The eggs, which are buried in the sand, are rather smaller than the ordinary turtle's eggs which are sold in such quantities in the bazaars, but are eagerly eaten by connoisseurs in such luxuries, a fact which accounts for their increasing rarity.

As the shell becomes milky and cloudy (and so valueless) if it is not immediately separated from the carapace, the turtle is killed on capture and the scutes (to give them their proper name) are removed by immersing the whole shell in boiling water. Another more cruel expedient is first to rub the shell with coconut oil and then to suspend the beast over a slow fire made of coco-nut leaves; the plates are then easily peeled off. The operation is said to take little over a quarter of an hour and the least heat possible is used. When this is finished the unfortunate animal is coated with tar (as a protection from sharks) and returned to its native element. It is thought unlikely that the scutes are ever renewed, but no doubt the turtle continues to propagate its kind.

As the local production is insufficient to meet the demand shell is imported from the Natuna Islands and from Dutch Borneo. By the custom of the local market the whole thirteen plates, which of course differ in size and colour, must be bought together and no selection is allowed. The price depends on the size, thickness and colour, and may vary as much as from four dollars to thirty a *katti*. A full sized shell brought to Kuching lately weighed over three *kattis*, the largest scute being 12″ by 8″ weighing 10½ oz., and though not of particularly good colour was sold for $40. A certain proportion of weight is lost by keeping shell before it is manufactured.

The Malay workers have a definitely graded scale by which they value the various colours. This runs as follows:—

ayer lilin	...	(waxen)
,, *laut*	...	(sea-water)
,, *madu*	...	(honey)
,, *tandok*	...	(horn)
,, *pajar*	...	(dawn)
,, *mega*	...	(Puloh Malay, cloudy)

Shell having a high proportion of yellow is the most in request.

The carvers, who are very skillful at their work, mainly manufacture native combs, buttons and brooches, which they dispose of to old women who are the recognised middlemen of the *kampong*. A good comb should be worth from one to two dollars. Most of the workers in Kuching are to be found in Kampong Kobor-kobor (Dato Bandar) where their material is most easily obtained, though others are to be found in out-stations and elsewhere.

Visitors to the Museum will find two complete, but immature, shells of *C. imbricata* exhibited, and also a native comb, said to be *ayer lilin*. It would be a great acquisition if a kind donor presented a complete set of the various grades of colours, by which intending purchasers in future could check the too exuberant fancy of the tortoiseshell merchant.

L. B. R.

The Rajah Charles Brooke Memorial Fund.

Amount already acknowledged	...	$20,723.20
Chan Kee Ong ...	...	500.00
Chop Chin Ann ...	...	500.00
Chop Tong Ghee Ann ...	...	250.00
The Sungei Moyan Rubber Estate ...		250.00
		$22,223.20

Sarawak Library.

The following books have been added to the Library :—

M	351	Wilhelm Hohenzollern & Co.	by Lyell Fox
H	350	A Short History of England	,, G. K. Chesterton
S	137	A Naturalist in Borneo	,, The late Robert W. C. Shelford
M	142	India and the future	,, William Archer
F	4202	Moonbeams from the larger Lunacy	,, Stephen Leacock
F	4696	Over Bemertons	,, C. V. Lucas
M	99	Forty Years of Spy	,, Leslie Ward
F	3109	Lord Tony's Wife	,, Baroness Orczy
F	4146	Missing	,, Mrs. Humphry Ward
F	6481	Under the Hermes	,, Richard Dehan
M	7	An Airman's Outings	,, Contact
F	2792	The Kingdom of Waste Lands	,, Sydney C. Grier
F	2821	Knights of Araby	,, Marmaduke Pickthall
F	966	Coelebs	,, F. E. Mills Young
M	146	Khaki Courage	,, Coningsby Dawson
M	320	As Tommy sees us	,, Rev. A. Herbert Gray, M. A., C. F. (T)
F	324	An Autumn Sowing	,, E. F. Benson
B	778 & 9	Recollections 2 Vols.	,, John Viscount Morley
H	35	Diplomatic Diary	,, Hugh Gibson
F	4886	Piccadilly Jim	,, P. G. Wodehouse
F	6471	Unconquered	,, Maud Diver
F	1677	Finished	,, H. Rider Haggard
F	1697	Five and Twenty Turkeys, etc.	,, J. J. Bell
F	5444	Safety Candle	,, E. S. Stevens
F	5565	Senlis	,, Cicely Hamilton
M	29	Besieged in Kut	,, Major Charles H. Barber
F	551	Blue Flame	,, Hubert Wales
F	6117	Tasker Jevons	,, May Sinclair
M	352	While Paris Laughed	,, Leonard Merrick

H. JACQUES,
Honorary Secretary.

Extracts from the Yearly Reports. (1918.)

Oya.

The sago industry in this river is rapidly failing, and the sago palms are becoming scarcer and scarcer and the industry is gradually going farther up-river, until it will be worked out as far as an industry is concerned. Between Oya and Tanam is almost worked out now, what is left of the sago is used for home consumption.

Between Tanam and for some distance above Medong there is still plenty left, but many of the sago lands are not properly looked after, and trees and jungle are allowed to grow to the detriment of the sago palms, the Melano owner being too lazy to clear them away.

If some order could be made by which the owners of sago lands be made to clear and keep them planted up, instead of letting them revert to jungle, it would, I think, revive the industry, and in four or five years hence the export would have greatly increased.

The gardens could be examined periodically by the Government to see that they were being cared for and planted up.

Sadong.

Messrs. the Sarawak Rubber Estates Limited and the Malaysian Manufacturing Co. have opened godowns at Simunjan, Gedong, Tabakang and S'bangan for the collection of *gutta rian* leaves. Owing to competition the price is steadily rising and a bigger export is expected this year.

Bintulu.

During May the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. of Miri took their first cargo of *bilian* timber from here and their motor launch *Miri* has paid many visits to Bintulu since, towing lighters for the same purpose. Large quantities of *bilian* shingles have been exported to Labuan and British North Borneo by various schooners.

As to civil cases there were numerous inheritance disputes in connection with fruit and sago lands. There are often complicated and involve relationships going back several generations so that it is not always easy to reach a satisfactory decision, especially as every litigant or witness comes to Court resolved to tell the truth only in so far as it is to his own advantage and to trust to fiction for the rest. A system of Letters of Administration, as carried out in the Kuching district, would in a short time almost entirely do away with such cases and be a great advantage to the people as giving them a better title to their plantations.

Bowls.

The usual monthly Bowling Handicap took place at the Sarawak Club on the 1st March and resulted as follows :—

	Average.	Score.		H'cap.		Total.
D. L. Greene... ...	183·9	473	+	scr.	=	473·0
E. L. Grove	179·3	457	+	5·4	=	462·4
C. E. A. Ermen ...	170·2	382	+	23·1	=	405·1
J. C. Swayne	160·5	340	+	28·6	=	368·6
A. B. Ward	156·2	Did not compete.				
G. T. Bates	150·2					

CORRESPONDENCE.

[*The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.*]

Peace Celebrations.

SIR,

Is it not time we thought of some method of celebrating the signing of Peace and the Victory of the Allies? The full Peace Conference is to begin in a few days time and it has been stated that Peace will be made in June.

Could not a Memorial be erected to those from Sarawak who have fallen in the War and a Public Meeting be called to discuss plans for celebrating in a worthy manner such an important event as the signing of Peace and the absolute defeat of the Germans?

Yours faithfully,
D. L. GREENE.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

SADONG.

February.

I arrived in Sadong on the 3rd by s.l. *La Follette* from Sibu and took over charge of the district. On the next day the Court writer, Mr. Lau Loong Quee, handed over the cash and books of the station.

Court work has been light during the month, probably owing to the fact that most of the people are on their farms. A Malay, by name Jais, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for obtaining money under false pretences and breach of contract, whilst three Chinese received short terms of imprisonment for breach of Mine regulations.

An appeal from the Malay Court against the decision of Abang Bujang came before the Court. The case, a paternity one, showed rather peculiar circumstances and the minutes were sent to Kuching for an opinion.

There have been several robberies again in the bazaar and one in a Malay *kampong*, in the latter the intruders made off with the family bedding and various articles of furniture. The Chinese cannot be induced to invest in proper iron safes and the extremely rickety boxes used for keeping cash in offer a great temptation to those in want of money.

Mr. Barnes arrived on the 22nd by s.s. *Alice Lorraine* to repair the wireless station which had been out of order for nearly a month, communication was opened again on the 25th; I understand from Mr. Barnes that the work of the engineer is far from satisfactory. Mr. Barnes, who was accompanied by Mr. Jacques, left again for Kuching on the 24th.

During the month I visited the reservoir which needs cleaning. Mr. Evans and I have arranged to have this done after the *landas* is over. Reports of the padi down-river are not very good, but up-river things appear to be better and a good crop is expected.

The prisoners have been engaged during the month in the usual up-keep of roads and ornamental grounds.

Considerable damage was done by the heavy rains during the night of the 14th; at 8 a.m. on the 15th no less than 8·65 inches of rain in the previous 24 hours was measured in the rain gauge which had actually overflowed.

On the 21st the long bridge over the Simunjan partially collapsed. Temporary repairs have been effected in the meanwhile. I have written to the Honble. the Resident under separate cover concerning the rebuilding of this bridge.

I understand that the bridge has collapsed several times before owing to the enormous strength of the tide which rushes up like a mill race. I hope to do away with the central arch which will relieve the pressure somewhat.

Mr. Evans has started filling up the left side of the railway line with a view to making a road big enough for pedestrian traffic. There is an abundance of rubbish from the Colliery and the trucks are emptied out along the line as the train makes her usual runs. I am doing a certain amount of filling up too from this end.

Five steamships and seven schooners entered and cleared during the month.

Coal shipped to Singapore	232	tons.
,, ,, ,, Sibu	110	,,
,, ,, ,, Kuching	718	,,
Total	1,060	,,

Imports.	Exports.
$19,838	$22,398

J. BEVILLE ARCHER,
Resident 2nd Class.

SADONG COLLIERY.

February.

The gross out-put of the mines during the month was 1,594.08 tons; 330 tons of this was consumed by our boilers and 1,264.08 tons were delivered to the wharf for export.

The month's shipments were:—

The Kuching Municipality ...	280.02	tons.
Sibu	60.00	,,
Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd., Kuching...	519.18	,,
,, Paterson Simons & Co., Singapore	200.00	,,
Total shipments	$1,060.00	tons.

The balance of stock on the wharf at the end of the month was 1,866.19 tons.

The Chinese New Year holidays began on the 1st and work was not resumed again until the 8th, which was found to be the first auspicious date of their New Year (according to the Chinese calendar).

The upper panel workings of No. 9 mine were idle during the month; the fall of roof on the double-parting of the lower panel, closing up the inside workings, will soon be cleared.

The coal pillar on the west side appears to be a very large block of excellent coal, expanding fanwise to the dip.

There was a slight increase in the out-put from No. 8 and No. 11 mines and the upper seam mine produced one quarter of the total out-put for the month.

Little progress was made in the prospecting drift and the machinery and boilers were overhauled thoroughly during the Chinese New Year stoppage.

The filling in of the swamp in the vicinity of the Malay *kampong* was discontinued, owing to the boggy state of the ground due to heavy rains, and the available shale refuse was dumped beside the railway line, with the object of making a substantial hard road for pedestrian traffic between the mines and the wharf.

The usual ballasting and repairing was carried on at the wharf and the general health of the labour force was good.

The rainfall for the month was 21·99 inches, 6·07 inches of this fell on the 14th.

J. W. EVANS,
Manager.

SIBU.

February.

Chinese New Year was observed as a public holiday on the 1st of the month and a salute of seven guns was fired from the fort. There were a few petty quarrels amongst Chinese, but on the whole the celebration passed off very quietly.

Mr. G. M. Gifford returned from Kuching on the 4th of the month and left for Kapit on the 7th, by s.l. *Mermaid*.

Mr. J. B. Archer left for Sadong, to which station he has been appointed, by s.l. *La Follette* on the 2nd. On the 4th a message was received from Kuching stating that the launch had put in at M. Tebas with a damaged rudder. She returned to Sibu, after being repaired, on the 13th.

The wireless operator, after having previously been warned, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for assault, and later on to a further term for deliberately delaying the delivery of an important message. Another operator arrived from Kuching on the 13th.

A contract was signed on the 8th for the construction of the new Dispensary at Sibu, the Government supplying the hardwood required.

Yet another outrage by the Ga'at Dyaks was reported from Kapit on the 8th. On this occasion a party of Bukitans and Sians was attacked by a force of Dyaks led by Kalat and Unyat. The Bukitans lost four men killed and two wounded. The Sians lost one man and three women killed and one woman wounded and a child captured. Six of the Ga'at Dyaks were killed.

During the month the telephone line from Tanjong Jenalam, on the Igan, to Dalat has been overhauled by the linesman from Sibu. The *mandor* from Kuching has inspected all instruments at Sibu and worked through to Dalat and Mukah.

A Chinese was arrested on s. s. *Flevo* at Rejang by the Customs Inspector being found in possession of $900 worth of opium. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in default of a fine of $2,700. The opium was confiscated. A further haul was made at Rejang from the same steamer later on in the month, some of the opium being found inside a length of piping concealed in a bunker.

The 24th, being the birthday of Her Highness the Ranee, was observed as a public holiday.

In consequence of frequent quarrels between the Igan natives and the Chinese shop-keepers in the village, the later have been warned that no shops are to be repaired as the bazaar will be moved to another site some distance from the native village.

During the month Mr. H. D. Aplin visited Kanowit, Sarikei and Rejang, and was still away in the Lower Rejang district at the end of the month.

The p. s. *Adeh* and *Gladys* each made one trip from Kuching for cargo, and s. s. *Alice Lorraine* brought a cargo of coal from Sadong on the 28th.

S. S. *Flevo* cleared for Singapore twice with full cargoes. A large quantity of *engkabang* still remains at Sibu and up-river awaiting shipment.

The death of the *Khatib*, Haji Anis, was reported on the 27th. Haji Anis had held the post of *Khatib* at Sibu for the past 30 years, and was much respected by the Mohammedan community. He was of Kayan and Lugat origin and was, as a child, captured by the force which operated in the Kayan country under His Highness the late Rajah in the year 1863. On arrival at Sibu the child was put in charge of the then Datu Bandar of Sibu, Haji Usop, by whom he was brought up and educated. When aged twelve he accompanied Haji Usop to Mecca, but did not reach Medina. Later on in life, however, he completed the pilgrimage. Haji Anis died at the age of about 60.

The Exports for the month show a very large increase as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The principal export being plantation rubber of which no less than 58¼ tons were shipped. Over 500 piculs of *engkabang* nuts were exported, and nearly 2,000 piculs jelutong. The total value of exports for the first two months of the year was $266,886 as compared with $106,199 for the same period in 1918. The value of imports for the same period has increased by $75,291.

Trade Returns for February 1919—

	Imports.	Exports.
Coasting ...	$ 37,832	$ 16,737
Foreign ...	64,322	145,410
	$ 84,154	$162,147
Brought forward	112,779	104,739
Total	$196,933	$266,886
1918.	$121,642	$106,199

Total of immigrants, 5 male Foo Chows.

J. BARING-GOULD,
Resident 3rd Division.

MUKAH.

December, 1918.

Dr. Luhn, Medical Officer at Sibu, arrived by s. l. *La Follette* on the 7th, returning via Oya and Dalat on the 11th.

Dr. Luhn inspected various sites for the proposed hospital and dresser's quarters. The corner of the grass road was selected as being the most suitable and will be reserved for that purpose unless a better is found.

Datu Azahari has been absent from duty since the 11th, owing to ill health.

I left for Sibu on 21st, via Oya and the Cut.

Tukang Assan and prisoners have started refloor-ing the jail with *bilian* planks.

Raw sago is steadily rising in price.

The sea has been more or less calm.

Three schooners cleared for Kuching and five entered.

The principal exports are:—

	1917.	1918.
Raw sago	76 koyans	59 koyans
Jelutong	630 piculs	1,260 piculs

January.

I was detained at Sibu the whole month, under medical treatment, but was able to keep in touch with the district by telephone.

Petty thefts continue to be numerous, twice thieves visited the Residency kitchen, but nothing valuable was taken.

The Mukah—Sibu telephone line has been in great request.

The number of wireless messages despatched and received far exceed these for any month since the wireless was opened. This is largely due to the rapid and unprecedented rise in the price of raw sago, which is fetching $1.30 a *pasu* in the *kampongs*.

The Mukah Treasury has cashed letters of credit amounting to $3,600. Owing to shortage of money all the demands could not be met, so I made arrangements at Sibu that I should bring $10,000 with me on my return, to assist the traders here.

Kim Nguan, dresser, has been appointed to do duty at this station.

I left Sibu for Mukah on the 31st.

The prisoners have cleared the road and ditches to Petanak, and the Petanak people the land between the fort and the sea.

Raw sago exported amounted to 83 koyans and jelutong to 970 piculs.

Five schooners cleared for Kuching and three entered.

F. F. BOULT,
Acting Resident.

BARAM.

February.

Very few cases came before the Court and only one of any importance, Chong and Sumbi (*f.*) Dyaks of Ridan, nephew and aunt being fined for incest.

Fines and fees amounted to $493.44.

Owing to there being some misunderstanding of the Honble. Resident's orders with reference to the registering of fruit gardens, I sent Tuanku Drahman Native Officer and forestry inspector Latip to Poyut to inform all owners to lay out boundary marks and register these in the fort within one month and also to sell by auction all gardens ordered by the Court.

Penghulu Lanting paid two visits during the month and paid in some fines and also brought down some outstanding cases for settlement.

P. C. Mumin arrived from Lio Matu. He reports having started with Bua Hassan *wakil* on a visit to Kalabit country, but was taken ill. Bua Hassan returned to Lio Matu and he has come down for medical treatment. He left again for the *ulu* at end of the month. He reported all quiet and that the Kalabits are busy getting ready to pay in tax.

The Poyut Dyaks were ordered to work wood for the new bungalow and fortmen's quarters and most of them brought down their share by the end of the month.

Janggu and six followers (Dyaks) reported that their jelutong, about 25 piculs, had been stolen from Logan Bunut in Tinjar and they suspected the followers of Tama Langit. I sent P. C. Serudin to make enquiries. He reports that the fence is very rotten and that the jelutong must have floated away during the floods.

The squad of Rangers have been giving considerable trouble lately. Corporal Ayom was severely warned and Pte. Embuas returned to headquarters. This man refused to obey any orders.

I sent letters to the chiefs of Baram and Tinjar rivers ordering them to have their tax and outstanding fines ready in two months when I will pay them a visit.

Penghulu Tama Saging arrived from the Tutau and paid in some fines. He reports that everyone has had a very good harvest in this river.

Gumbang, Long Kiput chief, came down with reference to a relation of his who has leprosy.

The new bazaar is progressing rapidly. At present the Chinese have about 4,000 piculs of jelutong ready for export and owing to the price of this produce being high a large profit should be made especially as the greater part was bought for not more than $4 per picul.

There was very little rain during the month and the river has never been so low, the consequence being a lot of sickness in the *kampong*. The same reports come from the Dyaks and up-river people.

The rainfall was 1·84 inches.

Prisoners were engaged during the month in levelling the roads in the bazaar.

Exports.	Imports.
$8,265	$12,319

C. D. ADAMS,
Resident 2nd Class.

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Residents at the Outstations will confer an obligation by forwarding to the Office early intelligence of all matters of general interest in their respective neighbourhoods.

NOTICE.

ASTANA FARM.

THE Manager of Astana Farm begs to inform the Public that he is unable to attend to Orders for milk after Office hours.

NOTICE.

Gazette subscriptions and Printing Office bills.

For the convenience of residents at Outstations Sarawak stamps will be taken in payment of small sums but only the 1, 2 and 3 cent values will be accepted. It is requested, however, that *Money Orders* be sent *if possible*.

J. C. SWAYNE,
Manager, Govt. Printing Office.

NOTICE.

AUCTION SALE

of unredeemed pledges from Pawn Broking Farm YEW CHEE & Co., Chop WO SANG and Chop LOON YEK of Bau at No. 18, China Street on Saturdays of the following dates—19th April 1919, 17th May 1919 and 21st June 1919, at 9 a.m.

List of all such unredeemed pledges can be seen at the Pawn Farmer's premises.

SYN HIN LEONG & CO.,
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

PER S. S. *Kuching*:—6th March—From Singapore—Revd. and Mrs. Hoover, Revd. W. Linton, Miss. A. Olver, Messrs. C. J. Cook, W. H. Geikei, J. S. Geikei, H. B. Crocker and Lim Tee Chew.

DEPARTURES.

PER S. S. *Gladys*:—1st March—For Sibu and Selalang—Revd. F. Quadekker for Sibu and T. A. Robarts for Selalang.

PER S. S. *Kuching*:—10th March—For Singapore—Revd. and Mrs. Small, Messrs. Honda, Lim Cheng Soon, Lim Tee Chew, Sim Kung Siak, Ng Swee T'ng and 1 Chinese lady and Mrs. Swindell.

PER S.S. *Alice Lorraine*:—12th March—For Sibu—Revd. and Mrs. Hoover.

KUCHING SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

Feb.	Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons	Captains or Nakhodas.	From.
1	*Gladys*	Sar. str.	173	Jeman	Singapore
2	*Adeh*	,, ,,	189	Awg. Rais	Bintulu
2	*Lucile*	,, ,,	26	Dris	Kalaka
4	*Sin Sion Ann*	,, sch.	50	Gani	Matu
4	*La Follette*	,, str.	40	Drahim	Sadong
6	*Sri Selalang*	,, ,,	43	Drahman	Rejang
6	*Sri Mas Igan*	,, sch.	68	Issa	Sadong
7	*Sri Muka*	,, ,,	111	Bakri	,,
8	*Gladys*	,, str.	173	Jeman	Sibu
8	*Flevo*	,, ,,	129	Dris	,,
8	*Adeh*	,, ,,	189	Awg. Rais	Kalaka
9	*Kuching*	,, ,,	903	Barton	Singapore
10	*Kim Soon Lee*	,, sch.	67	Taha	Daro
14	*Sri Chindrawasih*	,, ,,	71	Johari	Sadong
15	*Sri Marion*	,, ,,	80	Jahar	,,
19	*Sri Selalang*	,, str.	43	Drahman	Rejang
19	*Kim Watt Ann*	,, sch.	67	Hussin	Matu
20	*Sri Mas Igan*	,, ,,	68	Issa	Sadong
20	*Gladys*	,, str.	173	Jeman	Singapore
22	*Adeh*	,, ,,	189	Awg. Rais	Limbang
22	*Kuching*	,, ,,	903	Barton	Singapore
24	*Gladys*	,, ,,	173	Jeman	Rejang
24	*Alice Lorraine*	,, ,,	140	Jara-ee	Sadong
24	*Sri Muka*	,, sch.	111	Bakri	,,
25	*Kim Gee Ann*	,, ,,	50	Hj. Amit	Matu
25	*Majinis*	,, ,,	74	Hj. Dul	,,
25	*Lucile*	,, str.	26	Dris	Lingga
27	*Sri Chindrawasih*	,, sch.	71	Johari	Sadong

Departures.

Feb.	Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons	Captains or Nakhodas.	For.
3	*Gladys*	Sar. str.	173	Jeman	Sibu
3	*Adeh*	,, ,,	189	Awg. Rais	Kalaka
4	*Kim Hock Ann*	,, sch.	70	Jili	Mukah
6	*Sri Chindrawasih*	,, ,,	71	Johari	Sadong
8	*Sri Marion*	,, ,,	80	Jahar	,,
8	*Flevo*	,, str.	129	Dris	Singapore
10	*Sri Muka*	,, sch.	111	Bakri	Sadong
10	*Gladys*	,, str.	173	Jeman	,,
11	*Adeh*	,, ,,	189	Awg. Rais	Limbang
12	*Kuching*	,, ,,	903	Barton	Singapore
13	*Sin Sion Ann*	,, sch.	50	Gani	Matu
14	*Sri Mas Igan*	,, ,,	68	Issa	Sadong
14	*Sri Selalang*	,, str.	43	Drahman	Rejang
18	*Kim Chin Siang*	,, sch.	54	Hj. Assim	Bintulu
20	*Kim Chin Soon*	,, ,,	59	Saban	Mukah
21	*Kim Soon Lee*	,, ,,	67	Taha	Daro
21	*Gladys*	,, str.	173	Jeman	Rejang
22	*Alice Lorraine*	,, ,,	140	Jara-ee	Sadong
22	*Sri Chindrawasih*	,, sch.	71	Johari	,,
22	*Nor Mas Jaya*	,, ,,	65	Hj. Zenee	,,
26	*Sri Mas Igan*	,, ,,	68	Issa	,,
26	*Sri Muka*	,, ,,	111	Bakri	,,
26	*Alice Lorraine*	,, str.	140	Jara-ee	Sibu
26	*Kuching*	,, ,,	903	Barton	Singapore
27	*Sri Selalang*	,, ,,	43	Drahman	Rejang
27	*Sri Marion*	,, sch.	80	Jahar	Sadong
28	*Adeh*	,, str.	189	Awg. Rais	Limbang

MIRI SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

Date.		Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Captain or Nakhoda.	From.
Feb.	2	S. S. *Selangor*	Brit.	445	J. A. Campbell	Singapore
,,	7	S. S. *Rajah of Sarawak*	S'wak	892	A. E. McDonnell	Labuan
,,	9	S. S. *Attaka*	Dutch	156	R. Rientsma	Balikpapan
,,	12	M. T. *Miri*	Brit.	32	Ali bin Awang	Tutong
,,	12	S. S. *Attaka*	Dutch	156	R. Rientsma	Labuan
,,	13	S. S. *Poh Ann*	Brit.	485	F. P. Morris	Singapore
,,	15	S. S. *Selangor*	do	445	J. A. Campbell	Labuan
,,	17	P. S. *Adeh*	S'wak	189	Awang Rais	Kuching
,,	20	P. S. *Adeh*	do	189	Awang Rais	Limbang
,,	22	S. S. *Attaka*	Dutch	156	R. Rientsma	Labuan
,,	25	S. S. *Selangor*	Brit.	445	J. A. Campbell	Singapore
,,	28	S. S. *Poh Ann*	do	485	F. P. Morris	Labuan

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,,	15	S. S. *Selangor*	do	445	J. A. Campbell	Singapore
,,	17	P. S. *Adeh*	S'wak	189	Awang Rais	Limbang
,,	19	S. S. *Attaka*	Dutch	156	R. Rientsma	Labuan
,,	20	P. S. *Adeh*	S'wak	189	Awang Rais	Kuching
,,	23	S. S. *Attaka*	Dutch	156	R. Rientsma	Tarakan
,,	24	M. T. *Miri*	Brit.	32	Ali bin Awang	Bintulu
,,	24	Lighter *Magpie*	do	71	Naimamsah	do
,,	25	S. S. *Selangor*	do	445	J. A. Campbell	Labuan
,,	28	S. S. *Poh Ann*	do	485	F. P. Morris	Singapore

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MARCH, 1919.

English. Days of Week.	English. Days of Month.	Chinese. Moons.	Chinese. Dates.	Mo'dan. Months.	Mo'dan. Dates.	Moon's Phases, Etc. 2nd New moon ● 9th First quarter ☽ 16th Full moon ○ 25th Last quarter ☾	High water at Kuching. A. M. h. m.	High water at Kuching. P. M. h. m.
S	1	1	29	Jemad Akhir. J. Alawal.	28	*St. David.*	4 16	4 44
☾	2	2	1		29	QUINQUAGESIMA—SHROVE SUNDAY.	4 57	5 24
M	3		2		30	.....	5 36	6 3
Tu	4		3		1	.....	6 15	6 41
W	5		4		2	ASH WEDNESDAY.	6 54	7 22
Th	6		5		3	.....	7 31	8 2
F	7		6		4	.....	8 11	8 45
S	8		7		5	.....	8 53	9 31
☾	9		8		6	QUADRAGESIMA—1ST SUN. IN LENT.	9 43	10 26
M	10		9		7	.....	10 49	11 35
Tu	11		10		8	.....	0 18	0 59
W	12		11		9	.....	1 57	2 25
Th	13		12		10	.....	3 13	3 20
F	14		13		11	.....	3 36	4 10
S	15		14		12	.....	4 27	4 52
☾	16		15		13	2nd SUNDAY IN LENT... ..	5 3	5 28
M	17		16		14	Sir Jas. Brooke appointed H.B.M. Commissioner & Con. Gen. Borneo 1847.	5 39	6 3
Tu	18		17		15	Limbang annexed, 1890. ..	6 11	6 32
W	19		18		16	.....	6 42	7 4
Th	20		19		17	.....	7 10	7 34
F	21		20		18	.....	7 38	8 4
S	22		21		19	.....	8 8	8 36
☾	23		22		20	3rd SUNDAY IN LENT.	8 40	9 12
M	24		23		21	.....	9 19	9 55
Tu	25		24		22	Unsuccessful expedition Saritas 1849.	10 9	10 43
W	26		25		23	.....	11 25	11 55
Th	27		26		24	.....	0 54	1 31
F	28		27		25	.....	2 18	2 46
S	29		28		26	.....	3 20	3 22
☾	30		26		27	4th SUNDAY IN LENT	3 41	4 13
M	31		30		28	.....	4 28	4 55

Rainfall, January, 1919.

Date.	L'bang.
	Inches.
1	—
2	1·24
3	—
4	·29
5	1·15
6	—
7	—
8	—
9	·52
10	—
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21	—
22	—
23	—
24	—
25	—
26	—
27	—
28	—
29	—
30	·25
31	—
Total	3·45

NOTICE.

WE beg to notify our customers that our Town Office has been closed since 31st December 1918.

For the sale of our sawn timber locally we have appointed Mr. YEO CHOO HONG of Chop SOON TECK of Jawa Street as Agent, who will give his attention to all orders.

Prices for all timber delivered at our Works at Sungei Priok will be 5% less than those for town deliveries.

In future all communications should be addressed to THE KWONG LEE BANKING CO., our Financial Agents, and all monies due to us should also be paid to them.

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Any person holding the said Share Certificate is required to return it to the undersigned not later than 15th June 1919, otherwise the said Share Certificate will be cancelled and a new one issued.

TAN SUM GUAN,
Secretary.

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METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS.

General Hospital.

Kuching, February, 1919.

Date.	Baro-meter. At 8 A.M.	Thermometer in shade. 8 A.M.	Noon.	8 P.M.	Wet Bulb at 8 A.M.	Maximum in 24 hours.	Minimum in 24 hours.	Solar Temperature. Maximum in 24 hours.	Museum Rainfall. During 24 hours.
1	30.04 inch	76·5	89·5	77	75	91	71	160	—
2	30.05 ,,	76	78	75	74	79	73	145	1·05
3	30.01 ,,	76	86	79	74·5	90	71	155	·02
4	30.34 ,,	81	80	79·5	76	89	74	126	·15
5	30·08 ,,	80	84	79·5	76	88	75·5	144	·66
6	30.05 ,,	80	87	80	76	91	72	161	·85
7	30.07 ,,	74·5	72	79	73·5	87	70·5	154	2·97
8	30.06 ,,	77	85	77	75	89	70	153	·15
9	30.08 ,,	76	81	76	75·5	86	72	137	·13
10	30.04 ,,	79	88·5	79	76·5	90	71	159	·10
11	30.08 ,,	77	80	80	75	87·5	74	152	·54
12	30.09 ,,	76	76	75	75·5	80	73	144	·36
13	30.05 ,,	75	77	79	74	81	71	150	·42
14	30.06 ,,	78	84·5	80	76	90·5	73	151	1·41
15	30.06 ,,	76	81	76·5	72·5	86·5	73	145	·46
16	30.01 ,,	79	80	77	76·5	90	71	140	6·19
17	30.03 ,,	75	83·5	77·5	74	88	73·5	145	·32
18	30.00 ,,	75·5	77·5	77·5	75	89·5	73	153	·74
19	30.01 ,,	76	86.5	76	75	89	73	143	1·23
20	30.01 ,,	75	86	77	74	91	71	153	—
21	30.02 ,,	77	88	79	75	92	71	150	—
22	29.97 ,,	80·5	81	79	78	91	74	150	·73
23	29.96 ,,	74	81	80	73	87·5	72	134	·31
24	30.00 ,,	80	82	79	77·5	91	72	157	·29
25	30.00 ,,	77	87	78	75·5	89	72	127	·01
26	29.99 ,,	78	85	80	71	89	74·5	150	·87
27	30.00 ,,	77·5	86	79·5	76	92	72	156	—
28	30.03 ,,	80	87	78·5	77·5	91	73·5	145	—

Highest Barometric reading		30·09 inches.
Lowest ,, ,,		29·96 ,,
Highest temperature (shade)		92 degrees.
Lowest ,,		70 ,,
Highest ,, Sun		161 ,,
Total rainfall (Museum)		19·46 inches.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours (Feb. 16th).		6·19 inches.
Height of Hospital above sea level, approximately 75 feet.		

Rainfall, February, 1919.

During 24 Hours.

Date.	Sadong.	The Vicarage, Kuching.	Matang, R'vior.	Sungei Tengah.	Dahan Estate.	Sibu.	Sadong Mines.	Bintulu.	Baram.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1	—	·06	—	·10	·61	·20	·35	2.19	—
2	·70	·83	1·20	·15	—	·09	—	1·31	—
3	·11	·03	·02	—	—	—	2·30	—	·09
4	—	·19	·32	·05	1·06	—	·75	—	—
5	—	·65	·05	—	·05	·25	·27	—	—
6	·77	·93	1·20	1·15	—	·60	·10	—	·28
7	2·80	2·98	4·10	4·70	1·23	1·00	3·06	—	—
8	1·40	·20	·38	·05	2·07	—	·10	·10	—
9	·35	·20	·11	—	—	·41	·63	·05	·45
10	·26	·10	—	—	—	—	·76	—	—
11	—	·18	·93	·72	·63	—	1·07	—	—
12	1·25	·33	·41	·40	·52	—	·08	—	—
13	·43	·35	·52	·70	·76	—	·40	·13	·16
14	8·65 (Rain Gauge over-flowing)	1·60	3·52	3·30	—	2·85	6·07	—	—
15	·33	·40	1·85	—	1.81	—	·33	—	—
16	·72	6·05	·85	3·40	·96	·05	·68	—	—
17	·25	·34	·05	·10	·09	—	1·04	—	—
18	1·11	·76	·87	1·40	—	·01	1·03	·16	—
19	·02	1·42	·89	·30	1·60	—	31	—	—
20	—	—	—	·11	·02	·09	—	·54	—
21	·21	—	·43	—	·75	—	·80	—	—
22	·88	·62	·08	·07	—	—	1·00	—	—
23	·04	·29	·98	1·00	1·28	·04	—	—	—
24	·78	·24	—	—	—	·46	—	1·80	·60
25	·02	·04	1·82	1·00	·09	·12	·86	·73	·26
26	·15	·39	·42	·05	—	1·30	—	—	—
27	·07	·03	—	—	·14	·34	—	1·62	—
28	·04	—	·60	—	—	1·34	—	1·30	—
Total	21·34	19·62	21·60	18·75	13·67	9·15	21·99	10·53	1·84

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